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Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Cook Plaza Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Multnomah County, located at 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland, Oregon, 97214.

The funding would be used for critical renovations on the recently purchased Cook Plaza needed for initial operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it fulfills a longstanding goal to provide services for unsheltered individuals in East Multnomah County. The Cook Plaza project is an opportunity for local, state, and federal partners to invest in an expanded continuum within a neighborhood with demonstrated need. Bringing on-line an existing building that can be modified to meet a range of needs without incurring the financial burden of new construction is also a financially sound approach to expanding services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress